

## **Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker Enumeration Profiles Study Fact Sheet**

This study presents the most comprehensive estimate of Michigan's migrant and seasonal farmworkers (MSFW) and their families since 1990.

The results will be used to obtain grants and federal dollars to provide housing and services in locations most needed. Current estimates of the numbers of migrant and seasonal farmworkers, demographics of persons living in the households and locations of families will help better focus delivery of services to Michigan farmworkers.

### **The Michigan Totals:**

Total MSFW and non-farmworkers in their households	90,716
Migrant farmworkers only	35,148
Seasonal farmworkers only	10,652
Non-farmworkers in migrant worker households	33,671
Non-farmworkers in seasonal worker households	11,245

The majority of non-farmworkers are children. A total of 41,038 persons in Michigan farmworker families are under the age of 20. There are 30,764 living in migrant households and 10,274 living in seasonal farmworker homes. Nearly 70 percent of these children are under the age of 13.

The worker estimates include four primary agricultural industry classifications: (1) field and orchard agriculture; (2) food processing; (3) greenhouse and nursery production; and (4) reforestation. The study does not include livestock or poultry farming, trucking or equipment operation, dairies or fisheries.

A seasonal farmworker is defined as a worker whose principal employment within the last 24 months has been in agriculture on a seasonal basis. A migrant farmworker meets the same definition but establishes a temporary abode for the purpose of working a seasonal agriculture job.

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The State of Michigan Interagency Migrant Services Committee oversaw the study. The Department of Human Services' Office of Migrant Affairs is the lead agency for the committee, composed of 25 state and federal agencies and advocacy groups.

The study was conducted by Alice C. Larson, Ph.D., of Larson Assistance Services, and is part of a series of 15 state enumeration reports completed since 2000. The study's scope is limited in that it relies on compiling and analyzing existing data sources rather than conducting primary surveys or counts.